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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

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SUBJECT : Definition of "Extremely Sensitive
Information on Foreign Intelligence
Sources and Methods"


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1. This Office does not concur with the proposed revision of the Subject definition. The meaning of intelligence as stated in Executive Order 11905, Section 2 Definitions, paragraph (a), encompasses foreign intelligence and foreign counterintelligence, and provides mutually excluding definitions for both. The insertion of the word "foreign" then would exclude counterintelligence from the provisions of the proposed DCID which we believe is unacceptable. It is suggested that the phrase be amended to read, "extremely sensitive information on intelligence sources and methods."

2. This Office also believes that the proposed subparagraph (as subparagraph F to paragraph 3) contains language too vague, i.e., "deep knowledge," to receive uniform interpretation and application. In addition, since an intelligence source or method may possibly be derived or deduced from knowledge of the product or "take," it is suggested that the following be added to the listed categories:

Information derived from an end product that
would reveal intelligence source or method.

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